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SUBJ: VISIT BY DR. NYE, MR. NOSENZO, ET ALIA

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES REFTEL AND WARMLY WELCOMES
FORTHCOMING VISIT. RESERVATIONS AT EMBASSY RATES CON-
FIRMED AT LAKESIDE HOTEL (TELEPHONE NUMBER, WITH AREA
CODE PRECEDING, IS (062) (47-6244). EMBASSY WILL MEET
AND ASSIST.

2. PROPOSED AGENDA FOR TALKS LOOKS FINE TO US AND WE
PASSED IT IMMEDIATELY TO DFA (FERNANDEZ). HE WILL BE
WORKING UP PROPOSED SCHEDULE INCLUDING SPECIAL APPOINT-
MENTS. COUNTRY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER IS WORKING WITH
THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB TO SEE WHAT OPTIMUM USE OF
DR. NYE'S TIME WILL BE. RIGHT NOW, IT LOOKS LIKE A
PRESS CONFERENCE FRIDAY MORNING, WITH INVITATIONS TO
PRESS CORPS, INTERESTED ACADEMICS, OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS, ETC. -- RATHER THAN A WIDE OPEN MELEE
WHERE MORE PUBLICITY MIGHT BE FOCUSED ON THE NUT
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FRINGE THAT GETS UP TO MAKE ITS POINTS THAN ON THE
SERIOUS BUSINESS AT HAND FOR THOSE WITH A PRO-
FESSIONAL INTEREST IN THE MATTER. WE WOULD BE
GRATEFUL FOR ANY VIEWS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON THIS.
RE MEETINGS WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS, BOTH OPPOSITION
LEADER BILL HAYDEN AND SHADOW MINISTER FOR ENERGY
PAUL KEATING WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY AT THE TIME.

KEATING, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN MEETING WITH NYE, AND ASKS WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO CALL ON NYE WHEN KEATING IS IN WASHINGTON THIS SUMMER (JULY) (ON A USG-SPONSORED " LEADER" GRANT). DENNIS ARGALL, WHO JUST LEFT AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY/WASHINGTON TO BECOME SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO DEPUTY LEADER OF OPPOSITION LIONEL BOWEN, HOWEVER, STRONGLY RECOMMENDS BOWEN AS PRIME OPPOSITION CONTACT FOR NYE/NOSENZO ETC. EMBASSY CONCURS. BOWEN HAS RECENTLY EMERGED AS THE STRONGEST MAN BEHIND BILL HAYDEN; HIS VIEWS ARE MODERATE AND, IF ANYTHING, SOMEWHAT RIGHT-OF-CENTER. HE IS A GOOD FRIEND OF THE US, AND HE IS CLEARLY GETTING INTO THE NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD, HAVING OUSTED LEFT-WING PROFESSIONAL ANTI-URANIUM FORMER DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION TOM UREN. BEST PLACE FOR TEAM TO MEET WITH BOWEN WOULD BE SYDNEY ON SATURDAY MORNING JUNE 24 (PARLIAMENT WILL BE IN RECESS, AND POLITICIANS IN CANBERRA ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN).

3. DAVID PASSAGE DESIGNATED CONTROL OFFICER -POL-COUNS DIXON BOGGS AS ALTERNATE (SINCE PASSAGE WILL BE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING NYE'S ARRIVAL).

4. SYDNEY: PLEASE TAKE ACTION ON HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR GROUP FOR SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE 24. WE WILL ASSUME NOSENZO WILL BE STAYING IN SYDNEY SATURDAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NIGHT UNLESS WE HEAR TO THE CONTRARY.

5. FOR NOSENZO: IF YOU PLAN TO FLY DIRECTLY ON FROM SYDNEY ON SATURDAY THE 24TH, PLEASE LET US KNOW SO WE CAN CANCEL YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION IN SYDNEY FOR THAT NIGHT.

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